



Weekly Memo

Rule Activity

Notices of Proposed Rule

These rule revisions are scheduled for the State Board of Education meeting on **May 29, 2024**. To view the following final proposed rules and submit comments, go to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) [State Board Rules Under Review web page](#):

- Rule [6A-1.09401](#), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Student Performance Standards
- Rule [6A-1.09412](#), F.A.C., Course Requirements - Grades K-12 Basic and Adult Secondary Programs

Notices of Rule Development

To view available drafts and submit comments for the following rules, go to the FDOE [State Board Rules Under Review web page](#):

- [6A-1.09941](#), F.A.C., State Uniform Transfer of Students in Middle Grades and High School
- [6A-4.004](#), F.A.C., Florida Educator's Certificates with Academic, Administrative, Degreed Career and Technical, and Specialty Class Coverages, which will have a rule development workshop on **May 23, 2024**. See the notice for the virtual link to participate.
- Rule [6A-6.03028](#), F.A.C., Provision of Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) and Development of Individual Educational Plans for Students with Disabilities
- Rule [6A-6.03311](#), F.A.C., Procedural Safeguards and Due Process Procedures for Parents and Students with Disabilities

Job Vacancies

Position Available in the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS) Island Coast Associate Center

FDLRS Island Coast, a discretionary project of Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEES), is seeking a Technology Specialist. FDLRS Island Coast serves both Lee and Collier Counties. The full job description can be viewed at [Specialist, Exceptional Student Education \(FDLRS Assistive Technology\)](#). All applicants must apply on the [School District of Lee County's website](#), to be considered for the position. The application is open until filled. For questions, contact Dr. Deidre Phillips at deidremp@leeschools.net or 239-337-8127.

Position Available with the Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRD)

ISRD, a discretionary project of BEESS, is seeking a coordinator for the PAEC Region. This position will serve Calhoun, FAMU Lab School, FL Department of Corrections, Franklin, FSU Lab School, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Tallahassee Collegiate Academy, Taylor, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties. The position is supported by the Putnam County School District. To view the job description and apply, go to [Putnam County School District Employment](#), scroll down to “Search Current Job Openings,” click on “Click to view current job openings,” then click it again, and select “Coordinator, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Special Projects, ISRD.” For job details (“View Details of Highlighted Position”) and to apply (“Apply for Selected Position(s)”), choose the appropriate button in the upper-right-hand corner. The application deadline is until filled. If you have questions pertaining to the job description, contact Chastity Lee at leec@nefec.org or 386-329-3894.

Action Items

2023-2024 Family and Community Involvement Awards

The FDOE has issued a memorandum regarding the [2023-2024 Family and Community Involvement Awards](#). Online nominations must be submitted by **May 24, 2024**, per the instructions in the memo.

2023-2024 Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Parent Survey

Each year, the FDOE surveys parents of students with an individual educational plan to determine how well districts and schools are partnering with parents and promoting parent involvement in their student’s education. All states must collect these data for reporting on their State Performance Plan, as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Additionally, survey results will be used to help schools and districts improve services and outcomes for students with disabilities. We would like to spotlight four districts this week by size that have, thus far, shown to have the highest response rate for the 2023-2024 ESE Parent Survey.

Congratulations Hillsborough (very large), Pasco (large), Columbia (medium) and Gilchrist (small) districts! The survey will be open through **June 30, 2024**. For more information about the 2023-2024 ESE Parent Survey, go to the [FDOE ESE Parent Survey](#) web page. For questions, contact Patricia Bodiford, senior educational program director, Instructional Support Services, at Patricia.Bodiford@fldoe.org or 850-245-0475.

Informational Items

Florida Ranked #1 in Education for Second Year in a Row

On May 7, 2024, U.S. News & World Report announced that Florida is again ranked **first** in the nation for education. The publication’s Best State ranking is based on a combination of strong performances in higher education and K-12 metrics. Florida also ranked first in the Parent Power Index by the Center for Education Reform. The assessment focuses on alternative pathways and educational choices that parents and students have access to beyond traditional public schools. For more information on the U.S. News & World Report Ranking, go to [US News Best State Ranking](#). For more information on the Parent Power Index, go to [Parent Power Index](#).

New BEESS Team Members

The Program Accountability and Data Systems (PAADS) Unit

The PAADS unit is pleased to welcome the following new team members:

- Samuel Brou in the role of grants compliance analyst for the bureau. Mr. Brou acquired a Bachelor of Science in International Relations from Florida State University. After graduating, Sam taught English as a Second Language in South Korea for three years. Having previously worked for the Office of Grants Management for two years, Sam is excited to have found a role in BEESS where he looks forward to adding his skills to continuously improve exceptional education in Florida.
- Casey Grove in the role of program specialist for the bureau. Mrs. Grove was a school health aide for the last six years. She also has served and continues to serve as a volunteer fundraising and billing manager for her daughter's cheer team for the past two years. When she is not doing cheer, she is managing fundraising for her other daughter's soccer team. Casey has a large variety of background experience but mainly in the medical field as she has been an emergency medical technician for the last 23 years. Casey is excited to have found a role in BEESS where she looks forward to learning new skills and helping to improve exceptional education in Florida.
- Madison Strickland in the role of administrative secretary for the bureau. Ms. Strickland worked at an elementary school for the past year and is attending Tallahassee Community College to earn a bachelor's degree in business. In her free time, she volunteers to help her brother's baseball team. Madison is excited to have found a role in BEESS where she looks forward to learning new skills and to helping to improve exceptional education in Florida.

Tip of the Week

Dig Deeper with Progress Monitoring

Avoid cut-and-paste statements that lack meaningful data regarding the number of successful trials or percentage of successful attempts. Instead, look carefully at what the data communicate about student progress and needs. ([Special Ed Connection®](#))

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